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SUBJECT: ATTACHMENT TO MINTOFF LETTER TO THE SECRETARY

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE ATTACHMENT TO MINTOFF'S LETTER TO THE
SECRETARY WHICH WAS TRANSMITTED REFTEL:

BEGIN TEXT: "TREATY GUARANTEEING THE NEUTRALITY AND INITIAL
ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA BETWEEN THE
REPUBLIC OF MALTA, THE LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC, THE ,
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DESIROUS OF TURNING THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA INTO A LAKE OF

PEACE AND OF COOPERATING IN ALL EFFORTS AIMED AT ACHIEVING THIS;

CONSCIOUS OF THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA TO SHED FOR EVER THE UNNATURAL ROLE OF A MILITARY FORTRESS AND TO BECOME A BRIDGE OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN EUROPE AND NORTH AFRICA;

RECOGNIZING THAT FOR THIS PURPOSE THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA MUST ADOPT A POLICY OF NEUTRALITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF NON-ALIGNMENT;

ACCEPTING THE NEED OF HAVING GUARANTEED BY OTHER STATES THE NEUTRALITY, INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA, AS WELL AS ITS INITIAL ECONOMIC VIABILITY, AFTER THE DISMANTLING OF THE BRITISH MILITARY BASE IN 1979;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS --

ARTICLE 1

THE LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC, ;HE THE AND THE, AND EVERY OTHER STATE THAT MAY HEREAFTER BECOME A PARTY TO THIS TREATY, GUARANTEE THE NEUTRALITY, THE INDEPENDENCE AND THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA, AS WELL AS ITS INITIAL ECONOMIC VIABILITY, AFTER THE DISMANTLING OF THE BRITISH MILITARY BASE AT THE END OF MARCH, 1979, AND UNDERTAKE TO GIVE THE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE THAT MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THESE PURPOSES, BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER THE DATE AFORESAID.

ARTICLE 2

IN THE LIGHT OF THE GUARANTEES GIVEN UNDER ARTICLE 1 OF THIS TREATY, THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA UNDERTAKES NOT TO ALLOW, AFTER THE END OF MARCH 1979, THE USE OF ANY FACILITIES IN ITS TERRITORY FOR MILITARY PURPOSES, OTHER THAN FOR ITS OWN DEFENSE OR FOR THE PROTECTION OF ITS INTERESTS AND CONFIDENTIAL

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THOSE OF ITS CITIZENS, AND TO PURSUE A POLICY OF NEUTRALITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF NON-ALIGNMENT.

ARTICLE 3

THE PARTIES TO THIS TREATY AGREE TO CONSULT AMONG THEMSELVES TO ENSURE THAT THIS TREATY AND THE GUARANTEES THEREBY PROVIDED ARE FULLY OPERATIVE AND EFFECTIVE, AND IN

PARTICULAR WHENEVER THE INDEPENDENCE OR THE SECURITY OR THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA IS ATTACKED OR THREATENED, WHETHER DIRECTLY OR IN CONSEQUENCE OF EVENTS AFFECTING SECURITY IN THE REGION, AND WHENEVER ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES SO SUGGEST.

FOR THIS PURPOSE A MIXED COMMISSION COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL THE PARTIES TO THIS TREATY SHALL MEET, AT THE REQUEST OF ANY OF SUCH PARTIES AND, IN PRINCIPLE, ONCE EVERY SIX MONTHS. THE MEETINGS SHALL BE HELD IN MALTA OR, WHENEVER IT IS SO AGREED, IN THE COUNTRY OF ONE OF THE OTHER PARTIES TO THIS TREATY. THE MIXED COMMISSION SHALL KEEP UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW THE OPERATION OF THIS TREATY AND SHALL MAKE SUCH RECOMMENDATIONS TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE.

ARTICLE 4

FOR THE PURPOSE OF BETTER ENSURING THE NEUTRALITY, INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA, AS WELL AS THE INITIAL VIABILITY OF ITS ECONOMY, OTHER EUROPEAN AND ARAB STATES MAY BE ALLOWED TO ACCEDE TO THIS TREATY.

IN RESPECT OF ANY STATE SO ACCEDING, THIS TREATY SHALL HAVE EFFECT UPON THE DEPOSIT OF THE INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA; AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA WILL INFORM ALL OTHER PARTIES TO THIS TREATY OF EVERY INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION DEPOSITED WITH IT.

ARTICLE 5

THIS TREATY SHALL REMAIN IN FORCE FOR A PERIOD OF TEN
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YEARS AND SHALL BE AUTOMATICALLY RENEWED FOR FURTHER PERIODS OF FIVE YEARS EACH; BUT ANY STATE PARTY TO THIS TREATY MAY, BY GIVING NOTICE IN WRITING NOT LATER THAN SIX MONTHS BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF THE THEN CURRENT PERIOD, CEASE TO BE A PARTY WITH EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF EXPIRATION OF THAT PERIOD.

ARTICLE 6

THIS TREATY SHALL COME INTO FORCE ON THE DATE ON WHICH INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION HAVE BEEN DEPOSITED WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA BY ALL THE STATES SIGNATORY HERETO FOLLOWING THE RATIFICATION OF THIS TREATY BY EACH OF THOSE STATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR LAWS.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA WILL INFORM ALL
OTHER STATES SIGNATORY HERETO OF EVERY INSTRUMENT OF
RATIFICATION DEPOSITED WITH IT.

DONE IN ON THE DAY
OF 1976, CORRESPONDING TO THE DAY OF
..... 1396 H, IN ORIGINALS IN THE
ENGLISH, ARABIC, AND
LANGUAGES, EACH TEXT BEING EQUALLY AUTHENTIC.

FOR THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA.
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